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Up to the present reading I have kept no day to day record of the progress of the expedition, ~~as a chapter it could have had merit neither~~ nor do I now intend to review in detail the exasperating trials of the week that have elapsed since I first entertained my request. ~~Suffice it to say~~ I should restrict ~~to do so most strongly from a personal point of view~~ in future years I would far rather be entrusted with the same despatch of business that falls to me in the big negotiations than undertake such a long wearisome task with the distressing pages of this 1934 chapter fresh before me. Secondly I doubt whether I should write anything that I would, for my book would certainly be coloured with the knowledge that I had no objection part in the progression of events. I would rather let another side of Hartwell's story be told

who is only a bastard Godson considered
that throughout our negotiations I was
granted more than ordinary consideration.
Furthermore I asked for more than
ordinary consideration and privileges as
it is permissible in any other country
that altruistic enterprise should ask
Lastly in 1931 we had been so well and
courteously received, so warmly [illegible]
[illegible], our precedent were so well [illegible]
and our own record in China so good
that I was undoubtedly confident of a similar
reception. Confident that the precedents
established by us in 1931 would be
honored, I applied through our Nanking
Consul general for duty exemption of all
equipment, passports to work in the
interior and licences for our rifles &
shotguns. At the same time I visited Dr.
Tsai Yuan Pei, Pres. of the Academia
Sin

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Up at seven. Left ~~to commate the hotel under like a safari from Nairobi~~ with a very hollow feeling amidships. By 8.30 we had pounded and forced the last bags ~~to~~ shut and at nine we loaded two cars and drove off from the hotel like a Nairobi safari.

We had Bärbel with us and we found Phillips' men already at the wharf with Axel and Lief. When we first brought the animals they seemed ~~of~~ rather less nervous than on previous occasions of similar kind, but they have been skittish as fleas all day. The tent has been grateful and also there is an awning over the deck space, ~~but~~ it has been impossible to keep the animals in their kennels all the perpendicular of a moment.

Billy Sheldon and Cater came down to see us off, ~~Hugh not until Cockers~~

an act of friendliness that helped give actuality to our departure. Only as we waved at last farewell with anchor aweigh was it irrevocably fact that we had ~~[illegible]~~ shaken the dust of ~~Shanghai~~ from our feet and had done with ~~with eight weeks of~~ tramping from the Customs House to Nelgeheim Nanking and back to the Quiet Land again.

From the point of view of heat, the trip promised to be grueling, but we are steaming steadily west and the delectable mountains are ~~growing~~ drawing steadily nearer.

July 11 7

As we follow the meanders of the river or river from bank to bank with the channel, the boat which is westerly strikes first the bank on the left. We move our deck chairs accordingly but unfortunately we cannot move our cabins. Last night we were fortunate in having a prevailing head wind to reach us by opening a skylight. The same breeze kept blown down early morning greatly alleviating the oppression of the entire boat. The suffering of the dogs we can a considerable extent relieve by frequent douchings with cold water and I am prone to wish we had brought bathing suit, and soaked them up every hour or so.

Just afternoon we passed Nanking

and I regretted that we did not stop ~~for~~ at least long enough for me to run up and wish bye bye to Nanking

Above Nanking the valley of the River is very much narrower and the journey ~~has become~~ becomes more interesting. ~~We had a sundowner on the roof which is by far the pleasantest spot aboard after the glare of midafternoon is past. The floodlands and marshes adjacent to the river~~ The horizon draws closer and lighter and one has vistas of the hinterland. As evening falls we go up on the roof for a sundowner by far the pleasantest spot aboard once the glare of midafternoon is past. In this brilliant summer weather cumulus clouds the harbingers of continued heat & brilliance range themselves in tumbled radiance across the dying fires of the ~~sunset~~ western sky

herons wing their way across the sunset,
the may ~~go~~ water deer on the back
fields and edges of the moor land
last night we saw a school of porpoises
sporting along the coast there.
We have had very fine weather
for miles we could see the bulk of the
Rock of Gibraltar as we left above the
Rock. We met shoals of porpoises
leaping in the moonlight and the great
revolving lighthouse on the Spanish shore
just across the straits ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Lowered with moonlight.
~~At evening the long shoreline of~~
~~the Rock still and black~~
~~[illegible]~~

July 12.

[illegible]

[illegible] at one moment on [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yesterday morning [illegible] the Platte. Clusters of [illegible] each hemmed in now & then [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] of trees and grass. The early [illegible] the [illegible] the applause. Then we passed an island, one of the [illegible] of green hills that rise out of river [illegible] Platte. [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] green.

a tiny, dirty temple with its roof of black tile, and the upturned eaves of the old Mongol [illegible], and we are back in the jungle [illegible]

As the afternoon drew on, the southern range loomed higher and then [illegible] Hukow a little [illegible] village [illegible] the bastion [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] these [illegible] have before [illegible] coffee colored [illegible] ^ Insert

With darkness we have been [illegible] hordes of insects [illegible] We have made a [illegible] and can put up a cot [illegible] will [illegible] but there will be [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

Friday 13th [illegible]

We dock [illegible] Magnificent
in Honour of [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible]
of the Standard Oil Co. [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
Chief Engineer [illegible] Standard
Oil No 1 [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
particular [illegible] of Rockefeller
as it goes [illegible] [illegible] will
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
The [illegible] of Montreal
was opened in the afternoon [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] P.M.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

~~the lack of~~
~~rise and fall in the daily temperature~~
~~Summer residents must [illegible]~~
~~humidity for the rhythms of the daily~~
cycle ~~show that the~~

Summer residents must put in a
miserable two months for there is
only a very small nocturnal drop
in temperature and according to
Mr. Sykes and the [illegible]
[illegible] there are [illegible]
evening. ^ insert

[illegible] in the Bar Club [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] afternoon and evening [illegible] the lawn, consuming and eyeing liqueurs. I don't think I ever [illegible] more continuously through after darkness fell without any particular feeling of [illegible]

The [illegible] fairly

[illegible]

A insect, July 12
A few [illegible]

[illegible]

A insect July 13

[illegible]

Tom Ling

[illegible]

S.S. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

ever. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] on the [illegible]
scarlet and gold I have [illegible]
[illegible] pink.
sunset. Rainwater [illegible] clouds [illegible]
[illegible]
glory until in the [illegible]
circles and [illegible]
they [illegible] by and [illegible] of

Supper is at 7.45 and now
[illegible]
be ~~[illegible]~~ habitable. ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
[illegible] and back
[illegible] the witching hour of
midnight. We have entertained ourselves
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] (I hope) by making an insect
collection [illegible]
[illegible]

possession [illegible] will be [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] The[illegible] are in the three "little" of [illegible] [illegible] up.

Between [illegible] [illegible] and Chungking the boat, [illegible] every night [illegible] the hours of [illegible] [illegible]. Without motion the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the atmosphere a little [illegible] than on the lower river and with the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] sleep comes easily.

July 16 S.S. Ichang at Ichang

Last night the devil walked the planks of the Ichang and claymed a victim ~~and entered rats~~. Every year for the past four beginning with the mysterious disappearance of Capt. Mikailo & his dog ~~in 1931~~ ~~he~~ the devil has come on board between the 1st & the fifteenth day of July to claim a ~~[illegible]~~ life ~~from his boat~~. All night the Chinese were shaking with fear for this was the last night of the

visitation
Devil's ~~scourge~~ and when the coy man overboard was raised each man heaved a sigh of relief for the man standing beside the doomed one had seen the devil ~~enter into the~~ ~~took~~ enter into him and look out of his eyes and he was demented and threw himself overboard.

There was a great hubbub as soon as it occurred but no attempt at rescue was made. It would have been useless. To find a man in the darkness who ~~was~~ is being carried downstream at 4. m.p.h. when the boat has made considerable headway coupled with the utter improbability of the ~~man's being~~ that the man could swim made rescue out of the question.

At 6.30 A.M. we passed Shasi and all day steamed toward the mountains through which the Yangtze carves its way from Chungking to Ichang. When ~~the smoky purple flanks~~ first I made them out ~~smoky~~ a smoky purple smudge ~~through~~ across the shimmering heat of the plain I was ~~seized~~ ~~as~~ seized with

a wonderful elation. In five days Chungking, in ten more the open road, in ~~10~~ ten more the real mountains, the eastern Himalaya the barrier of high passes to the grasslands and snowpeaks of Tibet. ~~Still~~ Much ~~drudgery remains to be done, but we are on the last lap of the proper drudgery~~ remains to be put behind us, Many weary miles of Chinese mud and dust to be trudged through before the first Tibetan gazelle crumples up in a small brown heap, but we are free to get through the drudgery to put the weary miles behind us, no ~~instead of being~~ longer caught in a another ~~mess~~ of red tape Nanking and Shanghai red tape. ~~with hope the prey of~~

The farmland and the villages we have passed have more the appearance of central or Pechuan and Szechuan. There are groves of trees between the fields and the corn seems greener, less blasted by withering heat than the crops of the middle Yangtze. (Cont'd p. ~~29~~ 33

20 Feb. 7 — S.S. Chang [illegible]

At 5.30 [illegible]

[illegible] the Hang Pao [illegible] by
Yellow Sea [illegible] the last of the
[illegible] Smoothing Settlements Rationalisation
[illegible] [illegible]
middle [illegible] Mr. Together with
the Tang Yang-Kow [illegible]
the Yellow Sea [illegible]

[illegible]

gaily decorated.

To understand the [illegible] of
a river rising [illegible] entrenched
[illegible] in the hopeless
[illegible] It is
necessary to have [illegible]
River in the [illegible] Gorge.
Kung Chang [illegible] gorge
but cause such [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

many of

[illegible]

The railroad of a [illegible]

The bridge [illegible]

building [illegible]

The decay of the [illegible]

by the [illegible]

Just [illegible]

considered the most [illegible]

George, the [illegible] of [illegible]

rock where [illegible] rock levels [illegible]

[illegible]

cliffs in great [illegible]

vegetation [illegible] here and [illegible]

and dots [illegible]

~~[illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~ river in big [illegible]

~~[illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~ folded

and crumpled in here and there the

flanks of the mountain [illegible]

the river in background. ribs leaning

[illegible]

[illegible]

few [illegible] forked and [illegible] like the [illegible] of a leaf [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] are [illegible] the [illegible] the big [illegible] stretch of [illegible] miles [illegible] a [illegible] At the [illegible] through the [illegible] or [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

be [illegible]

[illegible]

as legends tells

[illegible] reef [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
created by the [illegible] landslip from
the south bank on of little consequence.

Near Kitto's [illegible] of
gorges are [illegible] the numerous [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
Canal description. Many of the gorges
are wooded or at least [illegible] [illegible]
Though most of the gorges are [illegible] [illegible]
though [illegible] [illegible] hills, those
slopes are the home of [illegible] [illegible]
"gorse" (Mamalmalmi - green) the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
agility, but at [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible]. The [illegible] of the [illegible]
precludes any possibility of shooting
them, but Tippy, a naturalist of the
Reeves, [illegible] Tigger can [illegible] the deck
of a junk.

The great [illegible] [illegible]
hitches [illegible] ~~shortly after~~ sudden
~~afternoon~~ following the [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible]

enormous [illegible]

[illegible] They [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

for the [illegible]

At [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] All [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

At length [illegible]

we [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] current [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] all [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

only [illegible]

Climb[illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] hill.

Above Wanhsien ~~there remains but one gorge to be traversed~~ the river broadens out and the mountains ~~draw~~ draw back from the shores. ~~There is but one gorge still to traverse~~ There is only ~~last~~ one great gorge still to traverse en route to Chungking the Fong Hsiang Hsia or Windbox gorge ~~formed~~ created according to legend in a very curious fashion. In about 1500 B.C. the God of rivers ~~being baffled~~ Yu Wang ~~who~~ sat upon the Tushan mountain directing the course of the ~~waters~~ Yangtze. Baffled by the mountains above Wushan he called to his assistance the wizard Wu Tse who appeared as an ape and cleaved the hills with a blast from his nostrils thus creating the ~~Fong Hsiang Hsia or~~ Windbox gorge

~~Emerging from the windbox gorge~~

Just above the windbox gorge ~~and at this season~~ ~~of~~ and at this season ~~under~~ buried by the ~~the~~ river a flat shingle beach juts out from the left bank. In low water this beach is the scene of a lively salt industry. A natural brine spring wells up through the

shingle and the brine is rendered into salt in iron furnaces.

Kwei Fu or Kwei chow fu stands beyond the salt shingle a historic and picturesque little town that has been called the venice of the Yangtze. From Kwei Fu westward ~~the river is far more open~~ the valley of the Yangtze is far more open. The current in places is hardly or not at all less swift but the perpendicular walls of limestone and slate have given way to terraces and sandstone benches backed by hills of more gentle gradient.

With very small success I have tried all day to secure a moving picture ~~or a sequence~~ of a junk and its crew of trackers. I had hoped to see at least one or two of the old time leviathans with beam as long as an upriver steamer of today and capable of carrying 60 or 70 tons in their capacious holds but they have been pressed out of economic existence by the

greater guarantee of safety and speed of transportation that the steam boats offer. ~~One sees a few junks of fair size employing a dozen or so trackers~~

Cornell Plant in his "Glimpses of the Yangtze Gorges" describes an upbound junk in a passage well worth quoting

One sees a few junks of fair size being hauled upstream by a dozen or more trackers but the scale and vigour of the old time junk passage are traffic are gone forever. A hundred and twenty feet long with a cargo of 65 tons a big junk cleared her way ~~yard by yard through the most difficult~~ employed upward of a hundred men for an upstream passage. At first sight she would have seemed to move under sail or ~~mysteriously~~ lacking a fair wind by some mysterious volition. Then on the cliff wall six or seven hundred feet in her van a small army of men would appear straining with bent backs and swinging arms

against the hawser of twisted bamboo that attached them to the junk by which they drew the junk day after day that bound them to their cargo. Along this line of toilers, gangers ran to and fro lashing the ~~at~~ laggards ~~to~~ and testing the bandoliers by which the trackers were attached to the raft with split bamboos by quick taps with slivers of bamboo, an important office as a snapped bandolier on a narrow shelf far above the current meant a swift plunge to almost certain death.

Assuredly the increased safety of steamer travel was a major factor in the disappearance of the old time junks. Consul Plant calculated that one in every twenty luggers attempting the I Chang to Chungking passage was doomed to ~~total~~ annihilation ~~disaster~~ and that not more than twenty percent reached Chungking completely unscathed. The loss of life at the Glorious Dragon rapid

~~above~~ alone ~~have for~~ was said to have been responsible for an average of three lives a ~~year~~ day ~~in the low~~ at low level water and the total loss of life between Ichang and Chungking was computed at 1000 per annum.

~~The after pall of heat that oppressed the river at midday was broken by a thunderstorm that turned into a st in the afternoon by the appearance of thunderclouds and storm a steady broken by squalls of winds in the afternoon in mid afternoon by the appearance of thunderclouds accompanied ~~by~~ wind squalls, altho the storm which turned into a five hours steady downpour did not break until ~~seven~~ six o'clock ~~but the air~~ was refreshingly cool~~

The pall of heat that oppressed the river all day was broken in mid afternoon by squalls of wind from rapidly gathering

thunderheads. The storm did not break until the early evening and then after a brief display of fireworks turned into a steady refreshing downpour of five hours duration.

We tied up at 5. P.M. in a small lagoon on the right bank across the stream from Wenhsien, a city of sixty or seventy thousand inhabitants. ~~remarkable for their~~ As a city it is remarkable for its dingy squalor. (as I remember it in 31) The character of the people is disagreeable and at times has been ~~offensive~~ aggressive.

Schäfer, Duncan, et moi went ashore in the estuary and roamed about the fields, collecting a nice series of about 8 different species of snails.

The rain is gradually dying away but the air is ~~cool~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~and~~ cooler than at any time since we left Shanghai

July 17

Insert. At the foot of the rapids on the left bank a stone obelisk has been raised ~~to the~~ in memory of the man who more than any other was responsible for the development of ~~upper~~ upper Yangtze steam navigation, Cornell Plant, the pilot "grand old man of the Yangtze"

(Cont'd from p. 19)

July 16 S.S. Ichang at Ichang.

At 5 P.M. we reached Ichang just 1000 miles from the sea and the link between the upper and middle rivers. (During the low level of the winter season, almost all cargo bound for Chungking must be transhipped to a smaller vessel.) Above Ichang the Gorges between Ichang and Chungking, the highest navigable point for vessels of any size ~~the~~ have a gradient ~~is~~ for steeper than in the middle reaches and although compared to very narrow comes by the mountains is so beset by rapids as swift and so beset by dangerous rapids ~~reefs and rocks~~ that

Even ~~to~~ at the high level of the Yangtze river, the Butterfield and Swire and Jardine Matheson Cos. commonly tranship their passengers and freight at Ichang. At all seasons cargoes ~~and~~ bound upriver by junk are loaded at Ichang and the crews of boatmen and trackers necessary to navigate the rapids and gorges taken on. Prior to 1920, the junk traffic was enormous but in recent years it has been reduced to a small fraction of its former ~~the~~ prosperity by the inroads of the steamer lines.

Ichang has been developed and improved greatly since I visited it in 1931. The streets have been broadened and thousands of modern shops and offices built. There is a traffic policeman under a stop station at every ~~traff~~ street corner but as yet the city boasts only one automobile. We wired to Fitz-Simmons of Socony and Yarrow of the Canadian mission that we were arriving in Chungking on the 20th and went back

on board for the night.

July 15 s.s. Ichang below Chasi

July 19 upper river C. C. Chang
panda present for L. H.s. aboard

July 20 Arrived Chungking – Scottish trip for Emmie proposed – met by Fitz & S. & Jones' Alex Chen man – Sch. stays aboard – we go up to the hills – night cool

Sat.
July 21 Duncan visits Lee Cashmere Com – gets introd. to Navig officer Ho – to Hsiao L. H.'s English speaking secy – we go Bank of China exchange at 16½ – Go on Ho get letter to Chiao officer of 24 army – See Hsiao with B. of C clerk permits promised – lunch in B. of C. with Chiao & Wang – go up hill – tennis dinner with marines

Arrange pay Lee 25
Cook 20
Tai 18

July 22 trip to Standard Oil [illegible] Co
Pool's place swim — cocktails — early bed

Pick up baches

July 23 mon Last day with Emmie. Schäfer arranges
boxes with Bahnson — Dave arranges transp.
to s.s. Ichang to Bahnson — see Lee —
Chi Chuan aground. E. & I board Ichang
last drink aboard. Beck late

July 24 Tues plan off lat at 9.00 AM. — Downey
supercargo — see equipment away from Pontoon
to the gate & over the hill by cooli. # Tiffin
Schlackerts — See Rat again talk. of C. Cigar
arrange bus deal — 300 per + 180 per
nickel old crabs. Reissued to Fitz

July 25 up at 5. — 1st blowout — second
blowout — tiffin good Chinese chow — road rate
Bei Mu Djen.

July 26 Cross river — Djenchow — mountain
Changte

~~Vally 27 Chiaqtu~~

panda
as a present to
I had expected to find
giving his former seat
frequently to his own house
& moved his gov't to
~~[illegible]~~ desirable to present
2 our objets d'art at
time we apply for [illegible]

nicely old crater.

July 25 Up at ~~5.~~ 5. — La
blow out — tiffin good chines
Bei Mu djen.

July 26 Cross river — Djenso
Chengtu

S.S. Chang

July 19 at ~~Chung~~ Tang Gren Sze

~~Two Chinese came aboard yesterday, very cultivated looking men obviously young~~ Chinese came aboard in Wanhsien ~~yesterday~~ obviously ~~men very~~ cultured and well ~~bred~~ ~~men looking~~. ~~educated young~~ bred men. We met them today, a Mr. C. C. Chang the head of the Szechuan branch of the Bank of China and brother of the general Director and a Mr. Wen in a lesser capacity. Mr. Chang is flying to Chengtu on Sat. the 21 and very kindly offered to carry with him the miniature and portrait study of the giant panda which I had brought up as a present to Marshal Liu Hsiang. I had expected to find Liu Hsiang in Chungking his former seat but ~~following~~ subsequently to his overthrow of Liu Wen Hsi he moved his gov't to Chengtu. It is ~~impossible~~ desirable to present Marshal Liu with our objets d'art at about the same time we apply for teachers

so that Mr. Chang offer removes the necessity of entrusting them to the mail. On the other hand it is not at all desirable that they should appear in the light of payment or a bribe and Mr. Chang helped me with it rather as a present in "good face." The Academy furnished me with half a dozen blanks signed and sealed and one of these I filled in as follows

"The Academy of Natural Sciences presents its compliments to Marshal Lin Hsiang and begs this courtesy on behalf of its representative Mr. Brooke Dolan II. The Academy remembers Marshal Lin's kindness to its research party in 1931 and welcomes this opportunity to thank him"

Together with the presents this will be delivered to Marshal Lin probably before we apply for permits to pass our equipment tax free and for travel vouchers, giving him time to wire down to Changsha instructing his

officials to grant us every courtesy and we ask for as I expect he will.

As Director of the Szechuan branch of the Bank of China Mr. Chang will be of great help in the financial arrangements we shall have to make in changing our Shanghai money into Chungking and Chengtu silver.

When we tied up at about 5.30 this afternoon, we all went ashore to continue the snail collecting. Ennis and I had a nice young padre named Harkane ~~took out in one direction and had a good two mile jaunt before~~ climbed the nearest hill and had a good mile and a half jaunt across a valley and up the cliffs along the cliffs on the right bank of the river coming down to the stream and returning to the boat to complete a big circle. We collected a half dozen species of snail in which Bradybaena

The sinistral Cathaica were the most common types encountered. The most popular hide-out of the average snail seems to be the little roadside shrines. I am sure that when the peasants see us kneeling down in front of them (picking off snails) they think we're doing homage

July 20 Chungking

Emmie and I are ~~sleeping~~ sleeping in the same room in the Fitz Simmons mountain bungalow that Bowles and I ~~slept in~~ occupied four years ago when Palmer was the Sooling manager. There is a two thirds moon and a cool breeze blowing; altogether it has been the most pleasant evening we have spent in a month.

Mr. Fitz Simmons met us at the Yangtze Rapids Co. pontoon a few minutes after we docked and walked us across the river in his launch and up the hill an hour by chair, a not unpleasant hour in the cool of the evening. Schäfer stays aboard the Ichang to look after the dogs and Duncan has gone ashore to the Canadian Pacific Business Agency to stay with Gordon Lane the manager.

Chen our former cook came on board when we docked and him we instructed to find us our former no 1 boy and Tsai

our cook to meet us on board at the Standard Oil office in the morning.

The road from the south shore of the river up ~~to~~ facing the city of Changkiang up to the hills where all the foreign bungalows are situated has not changed at all and I was glad Emie had a look at the picturesque aspects of Chinese villages and even that she had an opportunity to inhale the aged smells of ~~old~~ ~~time~~ age old China. Above the village, one ~~passes~~ climbs up through corn and gaoliang fields, past graveyards and along goat trails that are lined with lotus and rice paddies ~~and~~ until finally enters the ~~gorge~~ narrow precipitous gorge of a sparkling mountain stream. Here the chair coolies climb very slowly, ~~keeping~~ ~~and~~ ~~rhythm~~ ~~and~~ in step, and with a rhythm that is imparted to the chair swaying up & down on the long handles.

~~We met Mrs Fitz and the two children in the bungalow~~

When we reached the bungalow, we found Mrs Fitz and the two children waiting for us and we rested and enjoyed the cool air and cold tea for an hour before supper. The house while properly a bungalow is invested by the town in the same way that so many summer houses at home are far more than bungalows or cottages

Mrs Carol Lomax a Scottish gentlewoman who made the trip with us from Shanghai and who was invariably one of the select little group that rallied around the old canteen when the evening deluge of insects became too much of a plague is going to fly back to Shanghai with Ethnie and has invited her to come over to England next summer & if her family's school is not closed to go up to Scotland with her ~~and~~ for a few weeks sport. She has

to come out to Shanghai again next year
and they can make the trip together.

Chungking July 21

A very busy and productive day. We rose early and dropped down to the river by chair in a half hour as against the hour needed for the ascent.

Across the river from the Tai koo men by launch to the Tai Ping Men or Peace Gate of Chungking. A six or seven minute climb up the wet and slippery steps of one of the main trade arteries of the city brings one ~~onto the first terrace above the river. A short walk~~ to the top of the first ~~back~~ ramp above the river. ~~In minutes walk along this first of the terraces sandstone benches that rise behind ascend upon which the city ascends to the top of the hill~~ The City ascends to an elevation of some hundred feet above the ~~city~~ river on a series of sandstone terraces along the first bench is or lower head towards the Tai Ping Gai a

narrow street or broad alley on which most of the foreign business interests are concentrated. The Standard Oil ~~Officers on the~~ Co ~~has erected a six story building~~ here is housed in a six storey office building and for almost an hour Eunice and I had an inside view of how "Oil for the Lamps of China" is dispensed.

At 10 o'clock Duncan came in having already visited Mr. Lee the custom commissioner who had promised to get us an interview with Ho, the ~~head~~ Chief of the navigation bureau and Hsiao, Lin Hsiang's sec'y of foreign affairs. ~~He was to call up the Socony office and let us know at what to~~ Our first call was at the Bank of China in order to change some Shanghai money into Chungking dollars. According to my agreement with the Shanghai Branch, I have $10,000 available for me in Chungking & 20,000 for Chengtu. ~~According to the~~

bank we met Mr Chang and he changed 9500 for me at a 16½% premium. A phone call from Mr Simons informed us that Ho would see us immediately and Hsieo be here 11 & 12. As it was then 10.45 we ~~went~~ left ~~accompanying with~~ on ~~the~~ Mr. Djiao one of the cashiers in the Bank of China ~~and~~ motored for Ho's office.

We had a card for Ho from C.C. Chang & he was very affable. He promised us a letter to ~~a~~ politico ~~of Liu Wen Hsi's and~~ marshal Liu Wen Hsi's ~~camp at~~ headquarters at Yachow as well as a ~~head~~ special passport through Liu Hsiang's territory in case Mr. Hsieo could not furnish us one though what his authority for such a ruchsio would have been is somewhat obscure.

Mr. Hsieo whom we found in the headquarters of the 21st route army is ~~the~~ a charming old ~~type of Chinese~~ Chinaman ~~very rare today~~ ~~whom that are~~ of the type one rarely meets ~~but of whom~~ also man of the utmost sophistication and a ~~fine~~ with a fine

presence. Sentimental American visitors who may very rarely strike on such an on forget all the lying grafting majority and manage to write home to the dear ones at home that the east has much to teach the west. Mr. Hsiao was very friendly and sympathetic and when I presented my letter from the Academy showed me the life membership which the Academy presented to Marshal Lin in 1931 framed & hanging on the wall as large as life. When we broached the subject of a bucksas for our guns, he said "Oh yes I suppose you each of you have a gun", and it hurt me to have to make me feel like an invading army to have to admit to fourteen. He winced a little, but took it standing and promised to have bucksas for travel and carrying weapons as well as for tax exemption ready that evening. After the exasperating & maddening procrastination of the Nanking

officials, I was almost stunned into believing that Ren is a Santa after all.

Mr. Djiao of the Bank of China had accompanied us to smooth our way on both ~~the~~ official visits: so I asked him to tiffin thinking we could pop down to Gordon's but Dane said the crowd there now was so small there would be very little food prepared & I ~~changed the invitation to~~ had to suggest a restaurant. He turned up his nose at that and brought us back to the Bank of China to a very passable foreign style meal which he told us is served to about half of the staff daily the other half also lunching in the bank but on their pork & rice.

Tennis in the afternoon on the Socony court & dined with 4 marine officers from the U.S. gunboats as guests of the Fitzs. They very nicely invited Emily & I to lunch on board Monday & suggested I bunk with them the night before I leave

Chungking.

Chungking July 22

If yesterday was a busy day today was an amazing one.

We breakfasted late ~~and went~~ at a pleasantly late hour and ~~went to~~ at about ten went down to the river and then by launch to the Socony installation where the Company boats are docked & the oil & tin plate stored. The installation superintendent who lives there with his young wife has made a miniature country club of the house and grounds and we spent most of

small but adequate

the day in the swimming pool he has built there. The remainder of the day we put in at his gilt edged bar, the real thing with a brass rail and a mirror and even a nude lady that a sailor daubed for him with shaving cream. He invited us to stay with them ~~the last~~ tomorrow evening before Emmie flies to Shanghai as the plane activity per tom is only a hundred yards from the installation & it would save at least an hour or half. We accepted ~~provisionally~~ whole heartedly ~~to~~ after a half dozen flights of cock tails but a pall of ~~stop~~ the ~~sobriety~~ grim sobriety that sets in after midday drinking changed our viewpoint. It would be silly to spend our last two together in a wild party.

Chungking July 23

Schäfer has arranged with Dahnson the Ford agent for Szechuan whom we met in 1931 for a truck at $280 and a touring car at $180 to carry us to Chungk ~~in a day and a half or two days~~. ~~It is to 1931 we needed ten days with coolie caravan to cross the red basin averaging thirty mile stages a wearisome journey~~ In 1931 we traveled with coolie caravan across the red basin in ten thirty mile days and at an expense of over $1200. The motor road was at that time only half completed and it was impossible to charter an entire car. Normally the ~~trip~~ road by motor can now be covered ~~now needs only~~ in a day and a half or two days and ~~at an expense~~ in one case at an expense that will vary between 460 and 740 depending on whether we will require one or two ~~car~~ trucks for our equipment. ~~In view of~~ Thanks to the ~~In lieu of the~~ friendly hand with which Sin Hsiang's civil officials have arranged our passes we shall be able to leave Chungking the day after tomorrow. Schäfer has taken the

dogs to Morisoff's bungalow in the hills and our equipment we will leave on the Yamsky Rapids Co portion ~~with~~ to be ~~carried up to the bus station tomorrow~~ cleared through the tax office with our baggage and carried directly up to the bus station tomorrow afternoon.

This morning we arranged wages for the servants. Lee my old boy we will take on at #25 ~~monthly~~ a month, ~~paying~~ #15 dollars of it to be paid by Pop Schaer to Lee's wife; the cook who was formerly with Duncan in Batang we pay #20 a month and the cookie Isai who was so valuable to Weigold & ~~Duncan~~ Schäfer on the trip to Burma in '31 will receive #18 monthly

Emmie and Schäfer and I lunched on the American gunboat as guests of Lieut. Johnson. Aft of the bridge there is a small deck arranged as a lounge and garden. It gives the boat ~~a yacht like~~ the air of a super luxe boat but ~~& wicked looking machine guns and two 3 inch rifles~~ the impression is a delusive one. Fore & aft ~~two~~ three inch rifles ~~about 4~~ peer out from under

the deck awnings and port and starboard
eight machine guns on swivel mounts
make the boat ideal for battle
with foreshore insurgents. The present guard has
been on the river for a year and a half of
their two year sentence and up to date have
had no ~~Excitement~~. In 1930 and 31, the ~~gunboats~~
~~had their hands full providing~~ the naval guards provided for
the Yangtze Rapids steamers were ~~almost~~ always
fairly certain to run foul of communists
somewhere on the river and have a little sport
~~out of the Lewis~~ with the Lewis guns, but the communist element has
been very quiet in the Yangtze basin since 1932.
After dinner tonight ~~we discussed~~ topping the subject of
"Oil for the Lamps of China" and a lively discussion
ensued. The very sane opinion of Mr. & Mrs Fitz Simmons who
~~are very sane people and~~ knew both Hobart & his wife
~~is that is it~~ finds the book a very biased
disgruntled story. The author idealized her husband
who was simply a not ~~very~~ efficient enough man
for a top flight into a ~~[illegible]~~ high calibre
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July 31 Chungchow

~~The travail of the lowlands of China is almost behind us; the mountains that roll backward westwards to the Tibetan marches of eastern Tibet are already looming up through the heavy air of the Chengtu plain. Tomorrow we will climb the first ramp, home again after two and a half years~~

The dreary crawling travail of our lowland journey is behind us. Tomorrow we climb the first ramp of the mountain ranges that roll westward to the marches of eastern Tibet.

We were roused at sunrise and by 6.20 had attended to the hundred & one odds and ends left undone when they should have been done, tucked in a poorish breakfast and boarded the bus with our #5000 disguised as boxes of cartridges. When the bus had called at its station and we were packed in the accepted position of tinned sardines we set off on another bone shattering journey

For two hours we crossed a ~~rich~~ fertile tableland ~~is~~ divided into large rich farmsteads seen to rice. The ~~region is distinctive for the~~ ~~unusual quantity~~ ~~number~~ region is distinctive for the areas of woodland that ~~are~~ have been allowed to ~~grow~~ flourish. Large groves ~~are~~ dot ~~interspersed~~ the ~~rice~~ farmlands giving the plain a park like appearance.

At 9.15 we ~~Arrived~~ settled into the town of Cha Hsien where we turned over our impedimenta to women and children with pack baskets and walked to the ferry. There are ~~two~~ two confluent branches of the Min to cross between Cha Hsien and Hsia Dien where we picked up the next bus and ~~the~~ ~~accepted no usual~~ at ordinary water levels the double crossing should require no more than ten minutes. The Min today however was in ~~raging red spate~~ "red fool fury", we had too many loads, too many coolies and not enough boatmen on our ferry for conventional navigation and ~~a~~ in crossing the second stream we were

on which one is supposed to land swept below the tongue of marsh, ~~which divides it from a still larger and far angrier looking branch of the Min which one does not cross and out~~ and below which the stream ~~joins~~ mingles itself with the ~~main~~ raging red body of the Min. ~~And we were swept out into into a raging current~~ For a minute or two we hung in the relatively slack waters below the point and then ~~our boatmen persuing~~ losing a pole in the struggle to hold our position we were dragged out into the main torrent and swept along on the raging surface downstream at an amazing and fearsome rate of speed. Another pole was torn from the hands of the boatmen who ~~had abandoned all ideas of the main~~ with a will but very little headway. ~~crossing~~ were now making for the opposite shore ~~of the main river with a will but~~ and we eventually made land over a mile downstream from our goal & separated from it by the ~~main~~ Min River main stream of the Min River

The boatmen wanted to hold the job as long as possible and lug us back upstream again hugging the bank, but we had had enough navigation ~~and put ashore with the coolies~~ and took to a footpath ~~with~~ which eventually ~~led us to another ferry~~ brought us opposite the town in which we ~~two~~ were to pick up the next motor bus, which fortunately did not leave ~~for~~ until noon.

Arrived ~~at~~ in the centre of town we suffered a very unpleasant surprise: ~~at~~ the ~~least half~~ majority of our coolie loads which should have been ~~a~~ half way on the road to Chungchow were ~~the~~ piled up on the street in front of the tax office. We had no huchao for our guns we were told and the loads could not proceed. Lee who had Lin Hsiang's huchao with him ~~that the~~ had presumably gone on without bothering to clear the loads and we had only our Nanking huchaos & gun licenses with us which did not seem to ~~affect the tax~~

~~officers decisions in the least~~ carry any weight with the tax officer. Eventually however the Capt. or Major in charge was summoned and after taking a few notes on our destination purposes etc, he released our goods. The coolies however had lost several traveling hours and now (10. P.M.) the future has just come in to tell us that ~~the~~ the ~~loads~~ coolies are parked in a village 18 li (6 miles) out of town and by reason of the ~~nothing~~ murder of a peasant by robbers carried in the evening will not come in until early morning.

On our last bus stage of the day after crossing still another river, we drove a bus that harked back to another more dignified generation. In twenty ~~five~~ miles we stopped 8 times to clean the spark plugs, carburetor and distributor. There was no self-starter and the crank had apparently been lost, we had to pile out and push after each repairing job.

Arrived at last in Chungchow

We found Lee and the cook ensconced in the compound of two China Inland mission ladies who had gone to the hills for the summer. Lee had a very different story to tell of the tax officer's attitude toward our luggage. He had not only seen Sin Hsiang's luchao but had given Lee an inspection exemption luchao and ~~promised~~ sent him on his way with the promise that the coolies would be passed right through. Later when the fu-tao arrived we had the last chapter: The tax officer stopped the coolies, claimed he doubted the validity of our luchao and suspected us of carrying opinion (ma-fei - morphine) drugs in our luggage. Thank the Lord the boxes were locked, for the ruffian unlimbered one of the locks and would have made a pretty mess if he'd succeeded in opening them.

We have held a real reception this evening. The market, the clergy, and the military all have come to call. Duncan has

a very passable command of Chinese and ~~entertains them adequately but for Schäfer and myself they are~~ and attends to their entertainment. For Schäfer and myself with work to do, they are more of a distraction than anything else.

The garden of the mission is full of snails of about five varieties. Several kinds of minutia in the loam of the flower beds and on the shrubs and plants the same Bradybaena that was so plentiful in Chengtu and the same vestites I ~~found~~ have observed in several widely separate places. As the minutia are all dead shells it seems to my uninitiated judgment that they are not indigenous to the garden but were deposited with the loam.

Now to bed or to what will have to serve as one in the absence of our own. Duncan is on the one bed ~~we possess~~ available to us. I have padded up a chair chair with raw cotton and Schäfer proposes a night on the floor. There are no screens in our windows & doors

and the gathering mosquitoes promise a most unpleasant night.

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martyr ~~victimed by ruthless men of unfer~~ exploited and cast aside by the ruthless machine of the Standard Oil Co, and victimized by an unscrupulous treacherous friend. The truth according to Mr Simmons in logical & simple. Hobart did quite well in upriver posts and as a friend of Kendall who was a rising man in the top flight. Shanghai expected a better post than he was fitted for. When ~~Kendall became general manager, Hobart~~ Hobart returned to Shanghai after his terrible experience in Changsha he stayed with Kendall and when soon afterwards ~~Kendall to~~ the latter became general manager, Hobart was terribly disappointed not to be given a Shanghai post. Although ~~Ken~~ Paul Hopkins (who is Kendall) has the reputation of being a very hard man, Hobart was simply not up to the job he hoped for, ~~and~~ was offered another

for he unquestionably suffered much for the company. On the other hand he could have served a few more years and received a substantial pension. Furthermore

up ~~country post~~ road post and resigned. If businesses were run on a philanthropic basis, Hotert might have had a reason for feeling disgruntled, ~~but~~ when one appreciates the unquestioning loyalty of the Standard Oil people ~~on mets~~ engaged, it seems clear that Hotert was not a first rate man.

Changking July 24

Up at 5.30 in a grey fog and a drizzle. When we turned in ~~the~~ last evening it ~~looked~~ seemed very problematical whether the aeroplane would be able to fly and early this morning it ~~seemed~~ looked 50 to 1 against, but the Wigs ~~[illegible]~~ assured us that the plane would go through in almost any weather and although the skies were still ominous at 8.30, Emmie ~~and Mrs. Lomax~~ left on schedule. With her was Mrs. Lomax ~~[illegible]~~ who borrowed the money ($450) from me for the flight & she is to ~~send~~ mail a cheque to Pop Schwer to whom I will probably have to apply for one means & another in the next ~~8 months~~ year.

Emma's luggage though scanty enough was 20 lb over the 25 lb allowance, expensive enough at $2.50 per excess lb. But Bob Duncan turned up with a respectable sized steamer trunk which I had to take back to Pehuen to be shipped down to her on the S.S. Ichang.

Bob Duncan had arranged with Gordon Jones to have our equipment ~~carry out~~ ~~carried up to the~~ transported from the Y.R. Co. on tom to Bahnsens garage and after clearing it through the tax office & seeing it on its way, we ~~at~~ went up on the hill to Schluckerts – pharmacy – hotel – restaurant for tiffin in order to ~~get~~ arrange to spend the night there and to see Behnsen. The restaurant is a ~~banching~~ tiffin club for the germans in Chungking and I met several acquaintances of 1931. Rot, a bee expert, who was in the employ of one of the lesser ~~German~~ Chungk warlords & was turned out because bad weather destroyed two successive bee crops ~~is now to~~ ~~was~~ has been taken into the german consulate as a clerk. He

had a bona fide contract with his military employer guaranteeing the expenses of a passage home should any disagreement arise, but such contracts are only scraps of paper in Szechuan. He had saved a couple of thousand however from his earnings and went on a ~~trip~~ years trip collecting butterflies and moths with a crazy old Badistic & opium ~~smoking~~ addict ~~woman~~ named Mitrick who smoked up his money & left him high and dry in Chungking. He told me that Stackel who was manager of munitions for Governor Sun Yat Hsien at Hankow had lost his job when Sun Hsiang in Changsha cut off the ~~supply~~ imports ~~transportation~~ of metal to Chengtu, the move that ultimately ruined the elder Sun.

Staying at Schlucker's was a professor of geology in Göttingen Univ. who has just completed a year's survey of the mineralogical resources of the red basin for Sun ~~Yat Hsien~~ Hsiang. There is a great deal of shale oil in the province if he is to be believed also much semi anthracite ~~coal~~ coal but in very shallow ~~the~~ beds unprofitable to mine.

we went to Bahnson's to look over
68 motor cars. He was a 1933 Ford of quite
respectable experience but the
~~In the afternoon we loaded~~ the works were OK
and I had no alternative but to take it
~~At Taffow In the afternoon we loaded our~~
~~equipment on motor bases~~. Trucks are not to be
had except at an exorbitant price but motor bases
have almost the same capacity. In toto we
have approximately two and a half tons of
luggage not a heavy weight for two bases but so
big in bulk that ~~the trip to Chengtu~~ it overflowed
into the seats we had intended for ourselves and
the dogs and to avoid a devilish ride we hired
another ~~a hired~~ a towing car for ourselves ~~also~~. The motor
bases we hired at 300 per, 240 down and the
remaining 40 in Chengtu on the condition they
make the trip it in two days. The towing car
~~Cost~~ we have paid 180.

After these arrangements, I returned to
the Socony office and went back on the hill with
Mr. Fitz to pack up my kit and say goodby.
They have been as nice as any two people could
have been to me and they made our parting
less sad & lonely than I had dreaded.

only other one available, ~~was~~ also a Ford, was of the vintage of 1930 and well matured 69 At first I turned it down cold but he ~~persuaded me~~ assured me that

To bed at ~~ten~~ eleven in Schluckers Hotel with the forlorn hope of getting up at crack of dawn and getting our motor caravan under weigh at 6

~~Bei Mu Dja~~ Bei Mu Dja July 25.

~~Instead of~~ The alarum on my traveling clock peaked itself out ~~at~~ at 4.30 ~~this~~ A.M. ~~morning~~ without ~~so much as disturbing my peaceful slumbers. Finally at 5.15 Lee~~ an answering groan. Finally at 5.15 Lee showed up ~~at~~ with the news that the touring car was ~~ready and~~ at the door and after a quick breakfast we ~~piled in and made for~~ drove to the garage to insure an early start for the bush.

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Changchow Aug 1

By slow degrees I am schooling myself to accept the pitch of the Chinese routine with greater equanimity. ~~One must either adapt himself or turn into a crank~~ He who ~~beats himself against~~ pits himself against # ~~thousand years~~ ways and means ~~with a~~ that crystallized into a pattern of life two thousand years ago will lose all peace of mind, all prestige with the people with whom he is conducting his affairs and therefore at least a half of his efficiency. ~~One lose your stability to the point~~ Judged by occidental standards John Chinaman is a liar, a thief, and a hypocrite, in short a thorough rogue, but these are occidental names for qualities that by no means make up the sum of a rogue in China and furthermore make for no loss of self esteem. John Chinaman will not you ~~on a time~~ consistently & ~~transactively~~ methodically ~~of course~~ ~~under cover of~~ but never outright always in exchange for

a value that varies with the astuteness of the victim. This is his advantage: he is functioning normally in a pattern sanctioned and dignified by traditions of "squeeze" that go back ~~to~~ thousands of years. The victim ~~in the case~~ is in being forever on the alert to thwart the robber ~~is~~ suffers a loss of self esteem. He is not accustomed to the necessity of haggling like a fish wife and of watching over servants and employees to see that he is not done. He is far too apt to lose his stability, rave and rant and treat ~~the~~ his men as he feels by ~~the~~ the standards of his own kind they deserve to be treated. Then John Chinaman's back goes up and the regime of passive resistance sets in. He's then become sullen & independent. No thing gets done, the obvious financial leaks are may be temporarily closed but the general leakage ~~hold~~ continues. The victim either gives up and retreats or regains his sense of proportion and the goodwill & cooperation of his people. In the latter case

he will gradually learn the nature and extent of legitimate squeeze together with the ways and means of controlling it. This is victory: he becomes known as a man who knows "buy-sell" very well and he consequently be will troubled by ~~few or no~~ very few attempts to take from him more than the proper margin of profit. This is a long education however a long distance beyond the the knowledge I can hope to obtain on ~~the~~ my fragmentary visits to China. ~~The best~~ My best course ~~that I can do~~ is to pay the 10 or 15 percent more over the normal that the boys feel justified in taking because of our ignorance and retain my peace of mind as well as my maximum efficiency and the cooperation of my men.

~~The last~~ Today has been enough to try the patience of Job, or at least of an occidental Job. We were up at 6 and ~~ready to start at 7. At 4.30 P.M. the last of the loads that should have arrived last night got in at 7~~ ready to start. impatiently we were ~~only~~ waiting for the loads that

to arrive
and coolies that were presumably delayed last night by fear of brigands. ~~to arrive~~ At 4.30 P.M., they finally rolled in with no excuse whatever except the weight of their loads. This again was simply a case of squeeze. The number one coolie evidently did not think he was making enough on the deal and so loaded ~~hundreds of catties~~ many hundredweights which we paid to have ~~that should have been~~ carried coolie back on rickshaws. ~~Two of the~~ They were all very heavily loaded ~~and on~~ one in particular ~~On several~~ The rickshaw loaded very heavily he pulled ~~as much as~~ up to 400 catties and so had only one man to pay where ~~in~~ he should have had ~~six~~ seven ~~eight~~ eight if the loads had gone in a kong sze (double coolie loads, 130 catties) or tiao sze (single coolie loads 65 catties) This manoeuvre ~~would~~ would have been none of our business if the caravan had kept up to schedule but as a result of overloading, six of the rickshaws needed two days for a single stage. When they finally arrived we

raised the devil with
~~poised~~ the fuzzes, made him unload all the
rickshaws and tomorrow we will have over
twice as many men carrying the same baggage.
In the forenoon when we were still fairly
certain of getting off ~~at~~ some time today, Schäfer
went ahead with a rickshaw to collect birds
on the understanding that he go no further
than 40 li where in view of a late start we
would have had to stop. In the afternoon
Duncan sent the coolie Nsai to catch Schäfer
up and to take care of him in case we
didn't get off at all. I expect we'll find
Schäfer ~~looking~~ looking pretty green after ~~the~~ this second successive
night without his cot or bedding. Last
night was grim enough for all concerned.
We turned shifts on the one bed but it was
hard & narrow and had only a taut network
of ~~thick~~ coarse rope for springs. It was too
hot for a cover and the mosquitoes were ~~a~~ savage
and in legions. The Danes moaned and barked
for a long time because we tied them outside
and the house dog added the crowning touch

by paying me a midnight call and embroiling himself in a fight with Bärbel. I had just ~~come in~~ gotten up to fetch something and jumping back on the bed to get clear of the mob, landed square on Schäfer's chest. He was half asleep at the time (about the only time during the whole night) and ~~lived down~~ thinking we were being robbed dived down behind the bed to survey the situation and pick out a target. Toward morning we all slept for an hour or more and after taking 5 gr. quinine to ~~avoid the~~ take care of the eventuality that any of last night's mosquitoes were malarial I slept for three hours this afternoon.

It is truly an ill wind that blows no good. After their first two days at large since the beginning of April, the Danes have developed very sore feet. If they had had to travel twenty five or thirty miles today they would have gotten themselves into bad shape. ~~As it is~~ Even with today rest I am afraid

we may have to rig up some kind of conveyance for them.

Pei Tsai

Aug 2

Up with dawn after another ~~mosquito~~ hag-ridden night. Mosquitoes, heat and then a heavy thunderstorm after I had contrived to foil the first two by sleeping out under a net ~~gave~~ kept me ~~some~~ on the qui vive ~~more~~ till the early hours.

Under pressure the Pao relented the rickshaws of 500 catties (~~the pound~~) and hired four more gongtze for the trip into Yachow. This just made it possible for the rickshaws to make the stage ~~but it was still unsatisfactory~~ ~~but by afternoon~~ so lets an hour & a half after the gongtze had arrived. ~~The~~ Considering all the ~~walla walla~~ we had raised, ~~about~~ it was rather a shock to find

may be

intending to

Ya to Yachow

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[illegible] the ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
still [illegible]
emergency, [illegible] the farming [illegible]
under the guidance of the [illegible]
[illegible]. He who lives in the house of the
~~the Most in the [illegible] sections~~ the
[illegible]
Most [illegible]
are [illegible]
[illegible] generation. [illegible]
hills the people [illegible]

morning and the villagers whose houses backed on the river and had been ~~partly~~ treated to various degrees of demolition by the angry flood were already setting about repairs.

to offset the damage suffered by a relative few and

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swallowed by the Yangtze Kiang [illegible]

At ~~the~~ its present rate of falling, the Ya should be navigable early in the forenoon tomorrow. Dr. Crook, the superintendant of the ~~Baptist~~ Britton Cowlin Memorial (Baptist) hospital who was lost to Gordon Borden & Otto Grieve in 1931 is unfortunately not in the city now, but Miss Shastleff the head nurse and Dr. Wan the Chinese superintendant are there. Although we have been unable to get word across the river we hope to stay

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Aug 9

~~After~~ As per normal, the caravan leader having promised to show up at six-thirty in order to be on the road at eight, arrived at ~~8 the~~ eight-thirty and did not load the last animal until eleven. We bade Miss Shurtleff a grateful farewell and ~~pushed on with~~ set out with best foot forward to rescue as long a stage as possible out of what was left of the day. Thirty li along the road we found Da Sze Fu who had gone on ahead with the food box to prepare a midday meal. ~~to prepare tiffin. At 2.40 we were back on the road and~~ Twenty minutes was all we allowed for tiffin and at 2.40 we were back ~~on the road~~ in the saddle with 40 li or a 4 hour ride still before us and only ~~just~~ just 4 hours of daylight left.

Today's road led southwest up the small river that joins the Yu at Yuchow. In the early evening we crossed a low pass of 3800 ft. and descended in an hour to Ma Lin Chang

where we are lodged ~~on~~ on the courtyard balcony of a large caravanserai. Today is a ~~red letter day~~ banner occasion as the first ~~the~~ day in ten that we have not had an afternoon and evening downpour. The roads show badly the ~~effects of the~~ ravages of the last two weeks. ~~Landslides~~ Slides and washouts are numerous, a few of them today rather treacherous to cross though not dangerous with a little care. Tomorrow however I understand there is a very bad washout not far from here that has not been repaired and may delay us for some time. ~~The~~ As ~~are twenty li short of it is~~, Ma Lin properly the Chang is twenty li short of ~~the proper~~ first ~~right~~ stage (Yuin Ching Hsien) which if one is to make Tatienlu in eight days. Many of the stages are short however and barring exceptionally heavy rains or trouble with the pack horses many of which are small & feeble we should get through in eight days. In many ways coolie transport

is preferable to a caravan of animals. Beitzs (carrying on their backs) and gongtzs (carrying between bamboo poles) are less dependent on road conditions and generally more reliable than horses. Their carrying price for the 8 ~~days~~ stages to Tsgiemba however is #16 per 120 djin as against #9.00 per 100 djin for horses. As the horses will with luck bring us through in good time, we would be foolish to hire coolies.

Our riding animals leave something to be desired also. As the heaviest heavy weight I mounted Schäfer on the biggest ~~of the three~~ animal ~~of the three we~~ hired ~~a~~ a strong mettlesome beast. Mine is the wheat though not the smallest of our three. He is forever slipping and floundering in a very not ~~pleasant and calculated to reassure a rider~~ and in the first mile went down with both front legs ~~throwing~~ tossing me

over his head into the wonderful flocks in the center of the road. As a result I have a very sore & puffy knee and can't go off the road to hunt. Schäfer is up early to ~~climb~~ climb to the ~~region~~ margin of bush and fields for a go at wild boar on their way home from the evening's rooting. There are hundreds of boar in the region but at this ~~time~~ season ~~as~~ the corn is so high, they can ~~go~~ come and go without showing themselves. Still Schäfer is Schäfer

Cont'd from Aug 4

with Miss Shurtleff & to rely on Dr. Wan to help us in our negotiations with Lin Wen Hsi; marshal for the Tibetan marches and to obtain a caravan independently of our servants' machinations for squeeze

It is most aggravating to be so near and yet so far, two days late because of the Futao's "squeeze pigeon"

Yachow Aug 5 97

Wonderful that we had no rain: the river ~~dropped at least twenty feet from the flood level, which had surpassed by several feet a mark of eighty years' standing.~~ yesterday's

Hsui tze Pu Aug 10

The rainy season has presented us with one more obstacle and delayed us by at least one more day. Thirty li short of Wang ni Pu, the proper stage, we are halted until before a sixty yard ~~stripe of mud three feet across the road deep red mud. We have called on the official of this village to set his men some local coolies at work to clear a way through stripe of mud that rolled off the mountain in a recent cloud burst and lies three feet deep across the road. We have called on the local official to set some village men at work to clear a way, but it is of a purée consistency that follows the mud ~~in the gorge~~. We encountered a similiar

but smaller mud band an hour along his morning's road and everyone but myself crossed it successfully by a narrow track where the mud was quite thin. I was half way across when my horse decided on a lower route and before I could stop him was mired up to his ~~waded on up to his belly, finally~~ belly ~~in~~ clinging red. ooze ~~mining himself~~. As it happened the mud torrent had passed through a house and after unsaddling ~~him~~ my horse, we managed by the combined efforts of Schäfer, Isai, a Mafu and myself to drag ~~him~~ the ~~horse~~ him bodily over to one corner ~~of the house~~ where the mud, on the floor, was less than knee deep ~~and~~ ~~guide him gingerly ashore~~ ~~help~~ edge him to his feet and guide him gingerly to safety.

~~I have seen such torrents of mud racing down perpendicular slopes in the Nun Valley, liquid primordial ooze seeded with and dislodges boulders that careened in and out of the~~

I have seen such torrents of mud in the Min Valley, ~~a heterogeneous~~ a homogeneous mass ~~of~~ of primordial ooze ~~and dislodged boulders racing down perpendicular slopes~~ racing down perpendicular slopes and dislodging great boulders that ~~joined~~ ~~careened~~ careened through the flood leaping high in the air and ~~striking the flood side again throw up jets of like~~ with the thrust of a ~~shell~~ 75-mm shell ~~flung up jets and clouds of mud striking the side again~~ to fling up gallons of mud in clouds of liquid smoke! They are the curse of the mountain roads in the rainy season & I have no doubt there are half a hundred more across the road between here and Tajirian.

When it became unquestionable fact that we should have to stop here for the night Schäfer and I made a reconnaissance of the country ~~and~~ and pressing two local men into service climbed the hills behind the

the village in the hope of finding a good ~~couple of good stands~~ locality we would bear ~~locality~~ perhaps and getting a shot when they came out to feed in the evening. Five or six hundred feet above the road we found the first clues, ~~then~~ thatch covered lean-tos in the corn fields where men the farmers ~~light nights~~ keep night watches with fires to frighten off the marauders. A little higher I ~~found~~ found a long thicket torn to pieces by rooting and finally followed a four or five day old track of a good tusker into heavy cover; I ~~was stopped~~ reached the threshold of the porcine domain a jungle of bracken and brambles, vines and sword grass. In this sort of stuff a whole sounder of pigs could pass within ten feet of a gun without presenting a single shot.

Redescending I ~~chose~~ settled down in a vantage from which I commanded several acres of clearings in the wood

above, but my right eye which I had scratched with a grass blade this morning clouded up so that I could scarcely see the sight and I left my stand at ~~about~~ just the time the pigs ~~the~~ begin to emerge. Schäfer stayed up on his stand for at least three quarters of an hour longer but saw no boar. In the course of the afternoon however he collected four birds new to the collection.

Yachow
Chez Shortliff

Aug 5 —

We crossed the river at ten o'clock this morning after a ten or twelve hour period miraculously without rain during which the river had subsided at least twenty feet from its flood level. According to dame rumor we have had the honor of being held up by the highest water ~~level~~ in ~~eighty-two years~~ ~~the~~ the memory of man. The ~~water~~ rise is said to have covered by several feet the tablet

which ~~was~~ commemorated the notorious flood level of 1842.

Duncan crossed first and went at once to see Dr. Wan and Miss Shurtleff. Our gear we have stowed in the hospital compound and we are staying with Miss Shurtleff in her large and very comfortable house. We have already paid down a hundred dollars on a caravan of horses to carry us to Tajenlu in 8 days and we are to have an audience with Marshal Lin at eleven o'clock tomorrow.

There is a day's work of repacking our equipment and adjusting weight for horse loads ahead of us and ~~some~~ a day or two of precious sunlight to ~~be~~ pray for that our bedding may ~~not again~~ dry up enough to be packed. The prospects of fair weather at present are gloomy: ~~It has begun~~ ~~set in~~ steady rain has set in again but mountain weather is quixotic and we are due for a blue day or two.

Miss Shurtleff is a woman of advanced middle age, very nice and motherly and a fool about dogs. If we could stay here a week or two I'm sure she'd put some flesh on the Dames. She has been here seven years, knows Yachow like a book and is very unhappy at the prospect of being forced out of service next year because of inadequate health (Angina)

She nursed Art Emmons here for several months after the loss of his toes on Minya Gonka and thinks him a prince. He ~~had to put~~ suffered terribly and had never a complaint to make. She confirmed ~~my~~ the version of the ascent or rather of the descent which Tony ~~wrote~~ more wrote home to Bres Washburn: that Burdsall had collapsed on the summit and that Tony had had to support him down the mountain leaving Emmons to shift for himself. Dunc. had a different ~~ac~~ version and thinking mine a slur of sorts on Burdsall which it very decidedly is not, had argued rather fiercely about it.

Yachow Aug 6

A steady downpour all day. There ~~was no~~ were no ferry crossings although the river did not reach its former flood level. ~~At eleven we~~ Accompanied by Dr. Wan we went in 4 sedan chairs at eleven o'clock to call on Marshal Liu, but because of the rain or more probably because of the over the light (pipes) he did not turn up. Distinctly ~~Rather~~ Relieved ~~turned~~ went ~~Accordingly~~ we ~~went~~ to see Gen. Hsiang his first in command and the only ~~tactfu~~ stable individual in this gov't. We ~~had~~ found him a very vigorous looking man and very pleasant to deal with. He promised us ~~the~~ the necessary passports and then as if getting down to the real business of the day trotted out a rather startling selection of sporting weapons for our inspection. The prize piece was a single shot ~~gun~~ rifle disguised as a walking stick with the breech & trigger just below the handle, obviously designed as a concealed deadly weapon but difficult to clear for action in much less than a

which by close figuring we decided we could spare

Among several shot guns minute. He had an ancient double barrelled fowling piece of London make, undoubtedly one of the best guns available in its day. The barrels were still sound and strong but the fine walnut stock was broken and the beautiful damascene steel finish was smothered in rust. Hsiang is an ardent duck shot often ~~hunting~~ shooting or rifle with Dr. Crook. ~~[redacted]~~ He begged fifty twelve gauge cartridges from us ~~and~~ as ~~although he did not tell us so~~, Lin Hsiang doubtless keeps a maintaining a strict embargo on ammunition bound for the camp of his ~~[redacted]~~ ostensible rival. We were told by Dickinson in Chengtu that Sin Wen Hsi has had twenty-thousand dollars worth of ammunition lying in Ichang for the past three years which Sin Hsiang will not allow to be imported.

~~Why Sin~~ The régime of Sin Wen Hsi is a trial ~~to Yachow~~ and affliction to the city of Yachow. Already heavily taxed to the limit the Marshal recently extorted fifty thousand dollars from the city as a whole, fifty thousand from

the ~~most prominent~~ leading tea merchants and gave them a long term bond for fifty thousand more. Even when governor of the province and lord of the pocket books of 75 taels out of Szechuan's hundred odd taels, he was unable to balance his books and issued his own paper at arbitrary values. ~~The Tungchow~~ ~~with only a small and~~

With his domains reduced ~~to~~ by three quarters and restricted for the most part to mountainous and unproductive country, he must be at his wits' ends to find money. Already he has inflated the Tungchow currency several times and he is slowly strangling the commercial life of the city. In 1932, Liu Hsiang and Teng Hsi Hou drove him ~~to his present~~ across the province to his present seat and then out of it into the mountains with the laudable intention of annihilating him. It is said that at the last moment, the second wife of the defeated governor went to Liu Hsiang and

the good work
stopped him by reminding him that he and the elder Lin were of one blood. At present it looks as though Lin Wen His is finished but it is possible that the seeming inability of Lin Hsiang to quell the Communists in the north may occasion dissatisfaction and sufficient discord to call into being an opposition ~~to cause a different~~ alignment of generals in which Lin Wen His might take a prominent part. Again it is rumored that the Nanking gov't is dissatisfied with the absolute rule of Lin Hsiang and that the former northern warlord Chiang Hsueh Hsiang who has been in Hankow cleaning up the communist area is on his way up river to take over Chungking. This is very unlikely in my humble opinion but in some quarters it is firmly believed. In still other quarters it is rumored that the French who have long had envious eyes on Yunnan and have established a considerable sphere of influence there, have

approached Lin Wen Hsi as to the possibility of building a railway through Ningpan to the valley of southern Szechuan as far up to Lifa and on up to Yachow in order to tap the red basin. As a theory of central policies this is very soundly reasoned, though as a possibility of the next few years it is out of the question.

Just as we were sitting down to tiffin, General Hsiang arrived to see our sporting rifles and shotguns. Proceed to lunch with us he accepted and showed a nice appreciation of foreign food though he watched we rather closely to see which forks we chose and how we cut the meat.

After tiffin we showed him our armament and he showed a very intelligent interest - also an acquisitive one. For the first time I had reason to be glad that our Nanking gun kuchaos are so strict. They specifically bar the transfer of any piece to anyone

by anyone but the stated owner. Dave foolishly though tentatively promised to sell him a gun after the trip, but in the contingency that we return this way & Hsing remember the promise. I will urge the limitation of permits.

In the afternoon we repacked our luggage and had it weighed up for horse loads. We are going to need 40 odd horses

Tuesday Aug 7

"[illegible] seven clear before eleven." The old adage proved true and we have had a beautiful sunny day following an early morning rain. The birdskins are well on the way to drying and prospects are in general accept. Brighter.

Certain subterranean passages of ancient human occupancy were exposed to me today and though too obscurely to trace the windings or trace to their source.

In the early afternoon a military officer
[illegible] as he [illegible]
[illegible] our animals through the
[illegible]

Mar

aumant

by a deputation of young [illegible] who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] everything we have especially the guns. On a day of [illegible] and [illegible] we rather [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] hungry [illegible] [illegible] there they are hardly a [illegible] [illegible]

Schäfer turned up at the night with a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] rare species of rose finch instead of returning it. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] apparently [illegible] up [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] very [illegible] he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] perhaps [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fled [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. As she [illegible] about Schäfer, she will certainly [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] turn up (Cont'd Pg

> [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

(A caravanserai [illegible]
[illegible] Aug 13

and

[illegible] good of [illegible] day
[illegible] [illegible] and a power
[illegible] spell. Mark, word, [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] that
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

They are stated to be their tortoise steadily gaining in strength and endurance.

(Cont. from p 103)

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

anchored in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] day

[illegible]

& [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

It is very difficult to realise as one passes through these very [illegible] looking [illegible] that they have been burned in the days of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Thank [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Thus [illegible]

[illegible] or two [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

of the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] position

After a careful survey of the rocks about

we continued our climb and a very little

[illegible] the small [illegible]

[illegible]. On a single ridge we finally

that had stopped [illegible]

gained the floor of a huge boulder [illegible] number [illegible]

[illegible] separated

by the [illegible]. This was typical [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a large [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

As we do not run across the [illegible] lot of [illegible] in keeping the [illegible] even going into [illegible] half dozen [illegible] of the cliffs [illegible]

In [illegible] are formed [illegible] cliffs [illegible] to the [illegible] I picked up small flecks of [illegible]. They are ideal [illegible] of the [illegible]

The camp [illegible]
the real fire was a valley called [illegible]
the [illegible] bottom, if we make no [illegible] 16
stop.

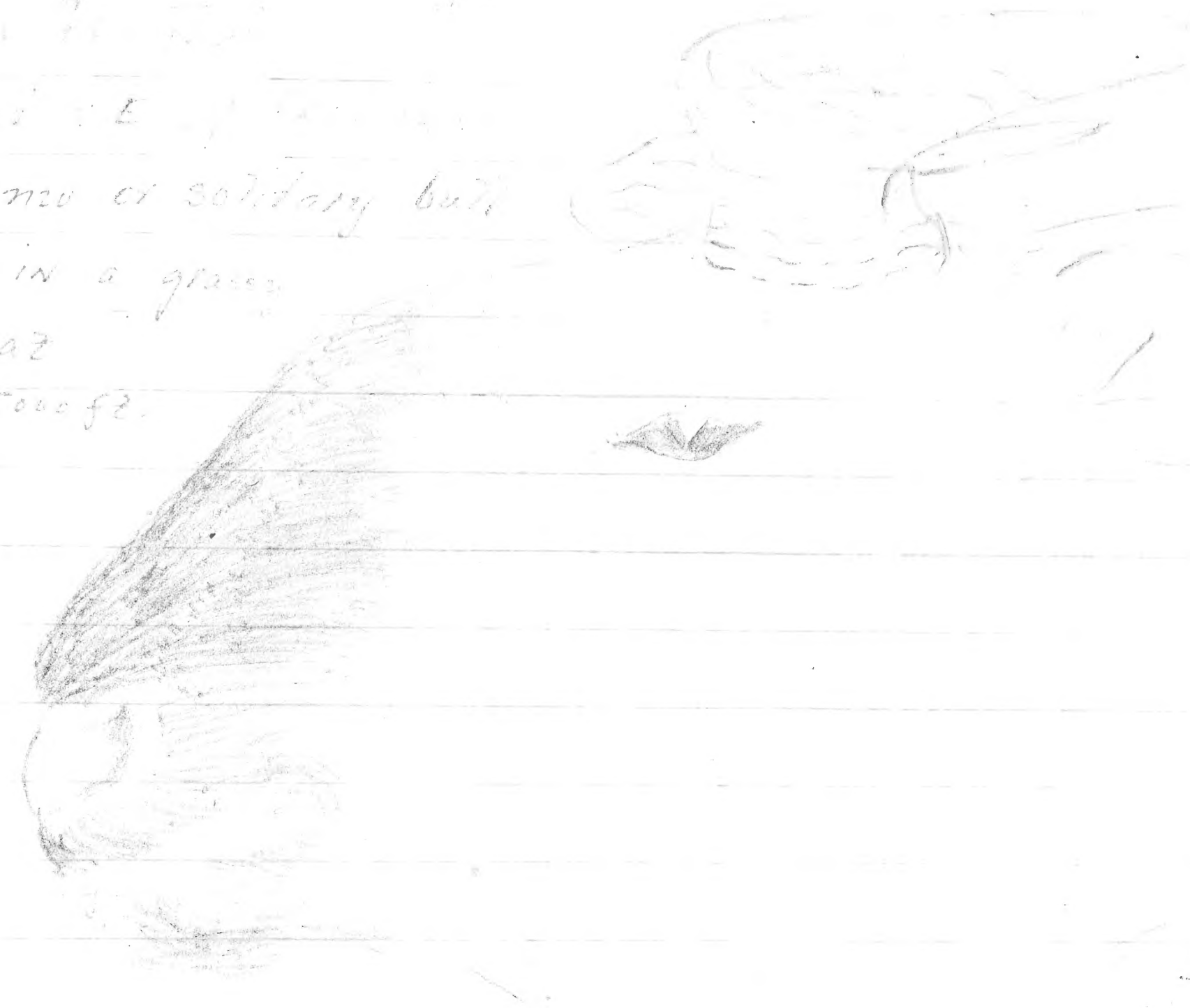
Aug 25

Taken [illegible] 8/30

Sex [illegible]

Sand [illegible]

a de mzo or solitary bull
found in a grass
basin az
elev. 15000 ft.

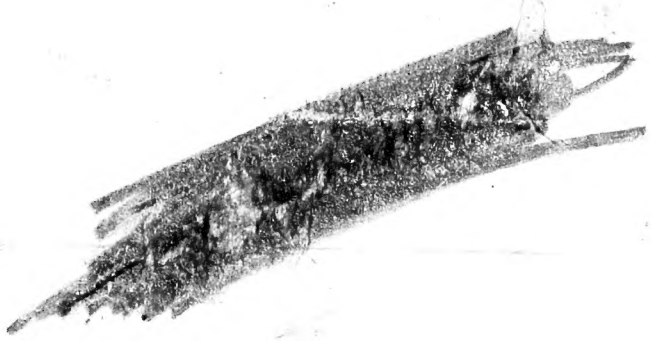


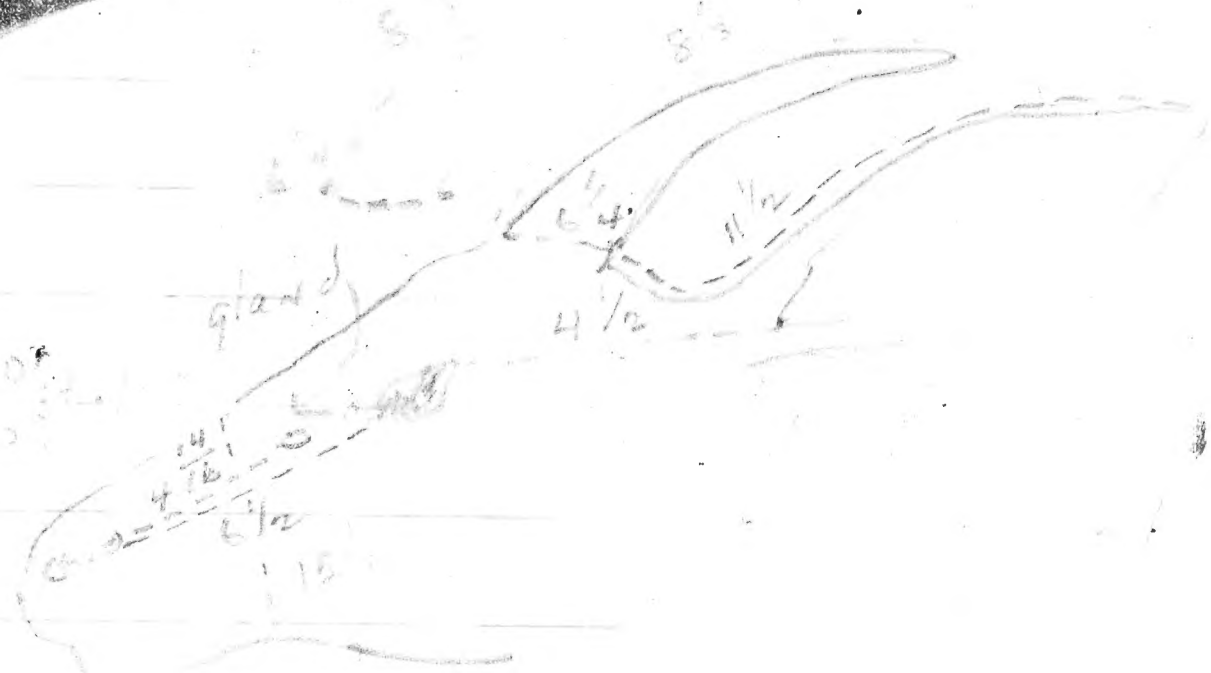
right horn 23¾ x 15¾ in.
left " 17 x 16⅞ in. } horn spread 15¾ in.

Measure tip to tail tip — 7 ft. 6 in
Height at wither — 4 ft 6 in.

~~15~~ bal — 1 engl. pd
16 bal — 1 kelly

3/4 3)70 (23
6
10
9
1.6
233
90
9/6





Taken 24/8/34

Ship 8 24/8/34

spread between right 17 3/4 x 10 3/4 left 17 x 10 7/8

eye corner to chin corner = 10 1/4 ear lobe to lip line

tip of ear lobe to corner = 7 3/4 of notch = 11 1/2

circumference (down below eyes) = 30 1/2 in. Taken

" mouth (top of mouth corner) 20 1/4 in 19/8/34

mouth corner to corner 11 in nostril corner to ear 3 3/4

right hem [illegible] of corner 13 in 49 in

eyes apart from fore head = 10 1/4 in, nose 1 in

[illegible] 1 in

[illegible] 4 1/2 [illegible] 10 in

[illegible] = 9 3/4 in